

2017 Virginia Startalk Chinese Teacher Academy

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Professional Goals

I came to attend this Chinese Teacher Academy with these goals: first, I wanted to connect with other Chinese teachers in the nation to exchange and learn about how to teach Chinese with high effectiveness and truly happiness. I am so grateful for that this goal has been met after these 18 days of online training, onsite training, onsite teaching and group reflections. Second, I wanted to find more and better teaching materials and tools to blend in future classrooms. Without doubt, I learned a lot of skills including how to find videos online and edit them into suitable teaching materials. I also learned how to find differentiated teaching materials including how to make teaching videos for students who need more time to learn and review after class or before class. Third, I wanted to learn about online teaching trend and how exactly it works with Chinese teaching. With 18 days of training and teaching online and onsite, I have a pretty good idea about online teaching now. I think online teaching with the platform of WizIQ and a few good back up and supporting platforms including zoom, canvas is the a great way to teach Chinese in an interactive and effective way. I came with a doubt and left with a hope for online teaching.